

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Subject: Pursuant to Federal Rule 54.314(a), October 1st Certification Requirement for
High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Ms. Flannery:

This letter is sent to certify that all eligible carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority¹ have provided sufficient documentation that federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Communications Act. No non-rural carriers in Tennessee are eligible to receive this support. A list of all eligible rural carriers under the jurisdiction of the TRA and the study area code for each follows:

<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	290280	ARDMORE TEL CO
TN	294336	BEN LOMAND COMMUNICATIONS
TN	290557	CENTURYTEL-CLAIBORNE
TN	290552	CENTURYTEL-ADAMSVILL
TN	290574	CENTURYTEL-OOLTEWAH
TN	290577	CITIZENS-VOLUNTEER
TN	290559	CONCORD TEL EXCHANGE
TN	290561	CROCKETT TEL CO

¹ According to Tennessee statutes, telephone cooperatives are not subject to TRA jurisdiction, and therefore are not being certified in this letter. It is our understanding that cooperatives must file appropriate certification directly with the FCC and USAC. Tennessee has 10 telephone cooperatives operating in the state.

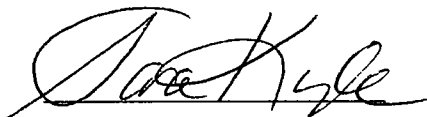
TN	294336	CITIZENS-TN
TN	290566	HUMPHREY'S COUNTY
TN	290570	LORETTO TEL CO
TN	290571	MILLINGTON TEL CO
TN	290576	PEOPLES TEL CO
TN	290578	TELLICO TEL CO
TN	290575	TENNESSEE TEL CO
TN	290581	UTC OF TN
TN	290583	WEST TENNESSEE TEL

The following telephone cooperative not under the jurisdiction of the TRA has provided the necessary certification:

<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	290562	DEKALB TEL COOP

This filing is made pursuant to CC Docket No. 96-45.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Kyle", written over a horizontal line.

Sara Kyle
Chairman